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GREATER RICHMOND: POPULATION,

The final agreement of the Richmond and Manchester committees should with us that corn is a mean that the consolidation move- in Virginia just now. There is no reason to doubt that the be far larger than they were in 1979. people are ready to declare by their the agreement is altogether satisfactory to them.

The consolidation of these two cities one of the happiest things in antageous to both sides, that it was concerned. Each city, of course, makes some sacrifices, but each debenefits which far more than these Manchester will get city conveniences, city streets, sewers, waments for the next five years, in con-

kind of spirit is never beaten, and never can be

CORN: A LIVE SUBJECT.

We have seen the acreage given to years 1900-1908. We have seen the BY MAIL. One Six Three Oate upon a decreasing acreage, jump from \$10,000,000 to \$30,000,000 during the same years. We have seen the corngrowers of Virginia make an exhibit of their product which entirely eclipses anything they have ever done before, and which compares very favorably many years had a long lead over us in this field. We have seen experts come here from a distance and praise Entered January 27, 1903, at Richmond, Va., by second-class matter under act of Congress of high quality of Virginia corn in the own Commissioner of Agriculture intimating that the value of our corn crop, which was \$30,000,000 last year-

and mighty fine we thought that, toomay run close to \$40,000,000 this year, We trust our readers will agree with us that corn is a very live topic

ment is all over but the shouting. It Of course, the King Corn prize fund. ment is all over but the should be be be been which has played its part in the won-ment by resolution of the Council in derful development of the year 1909, Richmond and by a popular vote in will go on. We hope that it will go Manchester. We cannot imagine that on until lows, Prof. Crossley's own opposition arguments, never very to find out how in the world we do it. vigorous outside of a certain element Many letters have been received in in Manchester, have been considered this office about the King Corn prize great length and have been com- which are naturally gratifying to The pletely overcome. Manchester's chosen Times-Dispatch, but which are valrepresentatives have put themselves uable chiefly as showing that its own on record as cordially in favor of con-prevision of what such a prize might solidation, have gone ahead in a busi-do has been entirely fulfilled. Size ness-like way to secure for their city counts for a great deal in the matter The most advantageous terms possible, of prizes, and we carnestly hope that and have succeeded very well indeed, the special cash premiums in 1910 may

Already The Times-Dispatch has received assurances from many of this year's contributors that they will dup-It has duplicated its own subscription; local history in recent years. It was it has opened a King Corn 1910 sub scription list in this office; and it now certain to come some day, and the it does hope very much that its publicspirited contemporaries through the State may think it possible to open similar subscription lists in their own communities and make appeals for funds. There may be other and easier ways in which they can use their influence to serve the whole State, but we haven't happened to think of them. PERPETUATING THE CONFEDERATE

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